

Of Gospels and the Gospel

“God’s story” “Gods Spiel” Evangellion +good news

On the many texts of Scripture

Our cycle: Year A – Matthew, B-Mark, C - John

2. Why is Mark the first?

Trad. Matthew was first, but since 19th century: the Synoptic problem

Mark – Protogospel, M – unique to Matthew, L unique to Luke, Q Quelle (s

3. Who wrote it? Trad St Mark, the sidekick of Peter See Mk 14:50 ff

Haste of Writing, : Blame for the Great Fire

Persecution leading to canonization of the text

What is he missing: birth narratives and resurrection: damaged ending: “gar”

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Two large sections: 1-10 (teaching narrative, 11-14)

Sect 1 ends with blind Bartimaeus

4: Important themes of Mark

1. The Secret (7:31) the healing of the deaf man

a. Was this a gnopstic secret gospel

b. Or is the revelation not complete until after the Resurrection

5: the incredulity of the Disciples

8:14 leaven of Pharisees

4:40 Who is this whom even the wind obeys?

6 The Kingdom of God?

What is it? Afterlife, failed political revolution, invisible connection,
Church

7. “And suddenly! Kai euthus OT: 4 times, NT 71 times, of which Mark has 41 70%

There is a startling power here

Ever seen a miracle

8. Ch 13: the Marcan apocalypse

Insertion? End of times, actions of Titus Flavius

9ch. 11-12: a manual on how to annoy people

11:15 fig tree, 11:27 (authority), 12 tenants and emperor 12: 18 the seven brothers, , v 28 the greatest commandment

10 The outsiders get it

Marks version of the passion

The outsiders get it Joseph of A., the women, and us

11:2y people